



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Applicant(s)** : Yoshihiro SHIODE  
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**Title** : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEASURING OPTICAL  
CHARACTERISTIC, AND PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS  
USING THE SAME**

**Art Unit** : 2877  
**Examiner** : Isiaka O. AKANBI

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.